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"Easy Marks."

When Michael N. Higgins, a Bloomfield business man, in speaking before the Board of Trade of that town, said that the merchants there were "easy marks," he hit upon a peculiarly happy definition, without doubt. We are sure that readers of New Jersey Commerce and Finance will agree with Mr. Higgins when they learn the story. It seems that for a long time Bloomfield merchants have been exceedingly careless in extending credit to whomsoever might apply for it. Naturally, the time went on, a great deal of money was lost in bad accounts.

Again to quote Mr. Higgins: "I know of people coming from outside towns to reside in Bloomfield who, on their arrival, found their local bins filled with coal, the ice box full of ice, and enough meat in the box to do for a week, and the back plaza covered with groceries, and they declared that they had ordered nothing and did not know who had sent them. The trouble is, we are easy marks."

Then they woke up. At least so it was alleged by various members of Bloomfield's Board of Trade at its last meeting. But when we hear the plan proposed by Frederick G. Ogden, a member of the board's committee on internal trade, to prevent merchants giving credit to persons of poor paying habits, we are impelled to think that they are not only asleep yet, but in a trance from which they may never awaken unless desperate measures are taken soon.

Mr. Ogden recommends the establishment by the board of a credit bureau, to be under the care of the committee of which he is chairman. The functions of this bureau, at least so Mr. Ogden says, will be "to prevent the granting of credit to dishonest people, to make a list of doubtful persons and keep same in a book, which book would be open to all merchants of the Board of Trade, that any person owing bills which were overdue would be compelled to pay cash for purchases until their obligations to members were discharged."

We don't know how many times this same scheme has been tried and has proved a flat failure. Bloomfield's Board of Trade may ask "Why?" and we shall answer now. Everybody's business is nobody's business, and a credit bureau managed by a board of trade will prove the truth of that old axiom in about six weeks.

Then, again, it isn't the function of a board of trade to look up credits. There are well-established mercantile agencies that make a business of just such work. In fact, here in New Jersey is the largest and most reliable credit reporting company in the world, that furnishes just such service as the Bloomfield Board of Trade talks about.

Its service is not expensive and it is trustworthy, something that the Bloomfield business men would soon find to their sorrow could not be truthfully claimed for their bureau. Commercial success is always based on sound credits, and if the Bloomfield business men are really anxious to avoid contracting bad debts, let them go about it in a business-like way.—Commerce and Finance.

Mountainside Hospital.
The following is a list of local contributors to the Mountainside Hospital during the month of December:

Mrs. Henry V. Allen, Mrs. Bohr, Halsey M. Barrett, Mrs. H. M. Barrett, Mrs. J. Bancroft, Miss S. Bancroft, Mrs. E. W. Chittenden, Mrs. Deane, Mrs. E. A. Dickerson, Mrs. Forney, Joseph Garlock, Mrs. Gasman, Mrs. Gandy, Harriet Gandy, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Hause, Mrs. H. Wilfrid Harcourt, Miss J. P. Jones, Keyler's drug store (canteen box), Mrs. Thomas McGowan, James P. Pierson, Mrs. Schaefer, H. Snyder, Mrs. Torbush, Mrs. Charles L. Taylor, Mrs. Stephen Tydeman, Mrs. Horatio E. Worcester, Harry Waller, Mrs. Edwin A. White, Mrs. Seibert.

Attempted Suicide.
John W. McClellan, eighty-five years old, a veteran of the civil war, attempted suicide at the home of his son-in-law, John T. Griffith, 24 Osborne street, Thursday, by cutting his throat with a razor. Dr. William H. White was summoned, and while the stitches in the wound, through which the boy was cut, the Mountainside Hospital. It was said that he would probably recover. McClellan has been acting strangely of late, and it is thought he was temporarily deranged.

Senator Colby's Views.

Senator-elect Everett Colby is quoted as saying that the Republican Committee on Equal Taxation and Limited Franchise would retain its headquarters in the Scheuer building. When asked if the assurances of William P. Martin to the Lentz followers that the Colbys would abide by the decision of the majority of the Republican County Committee would in any way influence the Senator or his followers, he answered in the negative.

The members will merely remain in the committee, he added. "They will do what is right, of course."

What is your opinion of the Major's victory?" Mr. Colby was asked.

"The vote of the county committee majority was a vote of the heart and not of the head," he answered. "Major Lentz remains chairman of the committee in spite of the opposition of more than half the Republican voters of Essex county. Those people in the county committee who supported Major Lentz voted for him because they were going to be loyal to him.

"That was a good sign. It illustrated the human element. None of the men who voted for the Major thought he was best fitted to discharge the duties of the office or voted for him because they thought he would prevent a split in the Republican party. But there is no feeling on our part against Major Lentz personally. There is no spite. We are going to eliminate the ideas that the Major represents. We will go ahead with the fight for another year. We will expect then that the intelligence of people will have overcome their sympathies."

Mr. Colby said he was not at all disheartened at the outcome of the election and said it showed a great deal of good.

Public School Rules.

The second term of the school year begins Wednesday. Queries are made from time to time about the rules and regulations of the public schools here. The rules are published in the annual school report, a copy of which can probably be obtained from Superintendent Morris. The following is a copy of such of the rules that embody the points which are generally the subject of inquiry:

School doors open at 8:30 A. M., and close at 3:30 P. M. From December 1 to March 30 the buildings are open during the noon hour. At all other times the doors are open from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M., only when the weather is wet or stormy.

The superintendent of schools may order half-day sessions because of weather conditions.

Excuses for absence or tardiness must be signed by the parent or guardian, and state that the absence or tardiness was with the knowledge and approval of the signer or the equivalent (section 153, School Law of New Jersey, 1904). All lessons count zero until made up in a manner satisfactory to the teacher. No lesson may be made up until an excuse is accepted.

No charitable appeals may be laid before any class.

No person may visit any school or class to see any teacher or pupil upon business of any kind.

While the schools are open to parents and citizens at any time, principals and teachers will consider Monday, both sessions, and Friday afternoons as the principal visiting days.

Teachers are to be present at school from 8:40 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

No pupil may be detained after school later than 3:30 P. M. or at noon over five minutes except in the office of a principal.

Fire Chick.

Residents of this town who have grown up with the volunteer fire department scarcely realize the changes that have taken place in the department. To one who has been absent from town a number of years the changes are apparent. The first chief of the department was Andrew J. Marsh, who served about two years, and was succeeded by T. Howell Johnson. The latter was an excellent officer and held command for five years, being succeeded by William U. Oakes, who made an enviable record during his five-year term and was untiring in his efforts to build up the department. Edgar D. Ackerman was Mr. Oakes' successor. He also made a good record. Bernard F. Higgins was next in line and his work was commendable.

The present chief is James Y. Neely. He is now serving his second term. He is cool and collected at all times, and has the confidence of his men. He was one of the organizers of Active Fire Hose Company.

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Medical Instruction.

Mrs. Grace Wilcock will resume instruction on the piano September 11th. Residence and studio, 87 Orchard street. Arrangements can be made now.—Add.

Secretary Hay's Estimate of General Grant.

In command was Grant, then (April, 1865) in his best days, the most extraordinary military temperament this country had ever seen. When unfriendly criticism has exhausted itself the fact remains, not to be explained away by any reasoning, subtle or gross, that this tremendous war he accomplished more with the means given him than any other two on either side. The means given him were enormous, the support of the government was intelligent and untiring; but others had received the same means and the same support, and he alone captured three armies. The popular instinct which holds him as our greatest general is correct, and the dilettante critics who write ingenious arguments to prove that one or another of his subordinates or his adversaries was his superior will please to enter their diminishing eulogies and then pass into silence without damaging his robust fame. He gained a glorious victory, but did not stop to enter Richmond, which he had captured. He had done an inestimable service to the republic; he had won immortal honor for himself, but neither then nor at any subsequent period of his life was there any sign in his words or his bearing of the least touch of vainglory. The day after Appomattox he was as simple, modest and unassuming a citizen as he was the day before Sumter.

Alexander H. Stephens, who was admitted to Grant's headquarters at City Point January 30, 1865, wrote: "I was instantly struck with the great simplicity and perfect naturalness of his manners, and the entire absence of everything like affectation, show, or even the usual military air or mien of men in his position. He was plainly attired, sitting in a log cabin, busily writing on a small table by a kerosene lamp. There was nothing in his appearance or surroundings which indicated his official rank. There were neither guards nor aids about him. The more I became acquainted with him the more I became thoroughly impressed with the very extraordinary combination of rare elements of character which he exhibited."

President Lincoln expressed substantially the same estimate of Grant which Secretary Hay has given. A citizen of Bloomfield saw Grant on the capital grounds at Washington after the funeral of President Lincoln, on April 19, 1865. He was nearly alone, walked slowly, a little stooping and round shuddered. He had the air and bearing of an unpretentious young farmer. It was just ten days after he had received Lee's surrender, and he was then really the most conspicuous man living in the world. Fifteen years later, after two terms in the presidency, in a little conversation enjoyed with him, he was the same quiet, modest, unpretentious gentleman. Yet one felt the immense ability latent in his still undemonstrative presence. He was, like Caesar, almost as mighty with the pen as with the sword. Probably no other American could have written his final report of the war. No wonder a ceaseless procession visited his tomb.

S. W. B.

For a Soldiers' Monument.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: I was very much interested in the report of the Fourth of July Committee to the Board of Trade, especially in their recommendations. I hope the Board of Trade will make a move at once to carry out the suggestion for a soldiers' monument. From conversations I have had at times with some of the leading citizens, I feel assured that with a proper committee it can be successfully carried out. That triangle which has been curbed in at the head of the Green is just the place for it. Years ago, when that reception was given to the Thirteenth Regiment, something was then suggested as a memorial to the Bloomfield patriots, and there were some of our citizens who would have given liberally had the project been started then. I know that the citizen's committee which had charge of the reception was not dissolved, but adjourned subject to the call of the chairman, as it was hoped that it would come together and take up the project of a soldiers' monument. Hon. Amos Dodd was chairman of that committee. Such a committee, working in conjunction with the Board of Trade, could indeed make it possible to lay the corner stone of a monument July fourth next. Let all patriotic citizens help to bring this about, and who is there among our citizens who is not patriotic? All are patriots, and all love old Bloomfield.

FIREBRACKERS.**Resolutions of Condolence.**

At the regular meeting of Bloomfield Council, No. 268, L. O. B., on Tuesday, December 31, 1905, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased God in His all-wise providence to remove from our midst Brother William Baldwin, one of our charter members, and one whose great interest and loyalty to our Council will make his loss the more greatly felt; be it

Resolved, That the sympathy and confidence of this Council be extended to his family in their bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Council and published in the local papers and that a copy be sent to the family.

Signed—JNO. J. HUGHES, JOSEPH A. GLENISTER, L. C. HASKELL.

A FASCICL THIEF.**Mrs. George Gardner of No. 68 Clinton**

street went to Newark on a shopping tour Wednesday afternoon, and before she left for home she dropped in at police headquarters to report that a thief had stolen her lower false teeth. No, they were not in her mouth at the time, she told Sergeant Tracy of Newark, but had just been purchased from a dentist on West Park street, and were being carried by her in a small bag with \$7 in money, a bunch of keys and a handkerchief. The money was taken, too. She described the plate as containing three teeth on one side and two on the other.

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The night school will reopen for its second term Wednesday, January 3, at 7:30 P. M. The results of the first term of this institution have been so satisfactory that the management has decided to offer courses for beginners, as well as the regular courses for those who have attended the first term.

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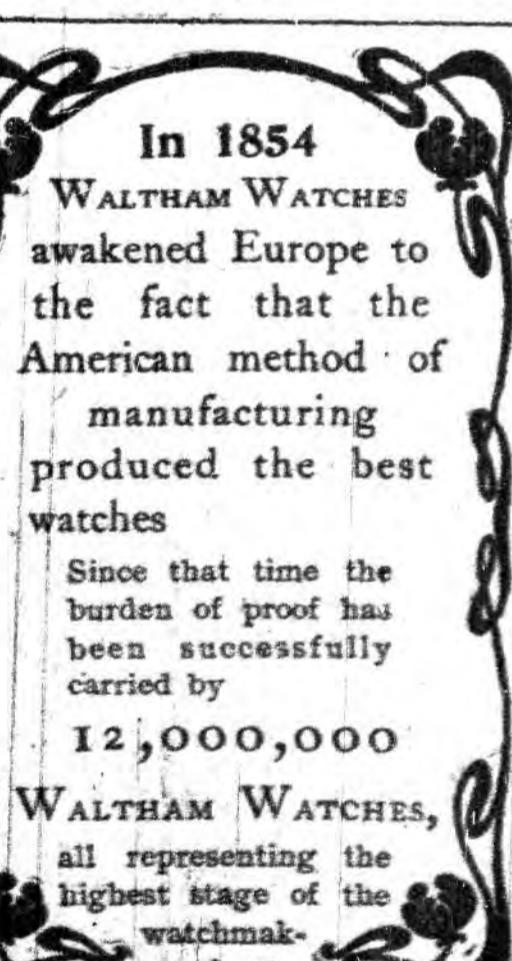
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